

BEIJING China's capital and the world's third most populous city, Beijing has a rich history, unique historical and cultural landmarks, and a political scene that make it a prime tourist and business destination. RDFZ XISHAN SCHOOL is located in the western Haidian District of the city, famed for its prominent universities and high-tech centers.

RDFZ China's most competitive high schools in Beijing and Shanghai stand at or near the top of world academic ratings, but Chinese students and parents in China have called for a more open educational system to replace the memorization model. RDFZ XISHAN SCHOOL seeks to combine the best of Eastern and Western education in a Chinese setting. Tabor has shared faculty visits and curriculum ideas with its Beijing partner, and we hope this exchange of Tabor students to Beijing will continue and extend that spirit of cooperation and mutual respect.



RDFZ students in Newport – April 2017

PROGRAM FEATURES

- Cost for 2018 program is \$800, including air fare from Boston, visa, and most living expenses. Students are advised to bring \$200 spending money, also small gifts for host family.
- Tabor students will each stay with the family of an RDFZ student, or live in a school dormitory at the school.
- Ten current Tabor students may attend the program. Chinese language students have priority, but all students may apply.
- Day Students are asked to welcome RDFZ students for home stays in April.



Tabor students practice taijiquan at RDFZ – March 2017

- Deadline for sign-up for the 2018 program is December 1st, 2017.
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- Tabor's Health Center will review student health records and advise students and parents on immunizations or precautions that may be needed.
- Tabor subscribes to offers risk management and emergency care programs for these overseas trips through



RDFZ students – collaborative study

SAFETY Tabor students live with home stay families or in dormitories to experience the life of a Chinese teenager. Tabor faculty will organize and accompany day trips to sites of interest in Beijing. Student excursions into the city will be either with faculty chaperones, or with home stay students or parents. Beijing is crowded but safe. Tabor students will be covered by school trip and travelers insurance that covers emergency care and evacuation, although they must also have personal health insurance for China.

EXPERIENCE The goal of the program is to provide Tabor students with an opportunity to experience life and friendship in one of the world's major cities. Not incidentally, students will be immersed in Chinese language and culture, providing an opportunity to improve language skills and social knowledge. Finally, the opportunity for friendships and return hosting with their RDFZ counterparts beckons to students who value global education. Tabor and RDFZ look forward to strengthening their connection and friendship in future years.

INTRODUCTION

In 2013 Tabor Academy and The High School Attached to People's University in Beijing created a partnership for curriculum planning and student and faculty visits. RDFZ XISHAN SCHOOL is a branch of one of China's top high schools, with a joint Chinese and Western curriculum that includes Advanced Placement Classes along with traditional Chinese subjects.

RDFZ and Tabor faculty have visited each other's campuses since then, including both Heads of School. Ten RDFZ students and two faculty came to Tabor last April for a one-week exchange consisting of study, recreation, local day trips, and home stays with nearby Tabor families. This produced an invitation from RDFZ to Tabor to send a group of students to visit RDFZ in March 2017 for study, local tours, home stays, and making friends.



DAILY SCHEDULE

day 1	depart from Boston
day 2	arrive in Beijing; go to home stays.
day 3	introduction, activity, home stay
day 4	classes, afternoon activities, home stay
day 5	classes, afternoon activities, home stay
day 6	local day trip
day 7	classes, afternoon activities, home stay
day 8	home stay activity, evening group activity
day 9	return flight to Boston, arrive same day.



Beijing Bird's Nest – 2008 Olympics

RDFZ SCHOOL

Location: Haidian District, Beijing

Motto: “a blissful, different, future school”

Special programs: Mac one-to-one – every student is equipped with a Mac device

Graduation goal: attend a US university

RDFZ faculty quote: “The students like what they make with Apple products. Their work can express their thoughts and personalities, so they have a lot of fun with their schoolwork.”

— Jin Zhengguo

Year established: 2009

Chinese culture classes: calligraphy, tea-drinking, and guqin musical instruments.



TABOR ACADEMY

**RDFZ XISHAN
SCHOOL**

人大附中西山学校



MARCH 11th-19th, 2018
travel to China: one-week exchange

